

# Mission Inspiration

## SERENJE POULTRY HOUSE

DIOCESE OF KABWE, ZAMBIA



Serenje is a small town in the Diocese of Kabwe in Africa. Many families there work very hard, but life is not always easy. For many children, going to school is a dream that can be difficult to reach. Some cannot afford tuition, uniforms, or shoes. In the villages around St. Francis Parish, many children do not go to school at all, and those who do often face many struggles.



**FUN FACT: Serenje is a town in the Central Province of Zambia, located along the Great North Road. It is surrounded by farmland and small villages, which makes it a place where farming and raising animals, like chickens, are very important for daily life.**

To bring hope to these children, the Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) is helping with a special project. The parish in Serenje has decided to build a poultry house where they can raise up to 250 chickens. The children will learn how to care for the chickens, and once the chickens are grown, they will be sold. The money earned from the sales will help pay for school expenses for the poorest children in the parish. This will allow them to go to school, to have the supplies they need, and to grow up with hope for the future.

This project is about more than just chickens. It teaches children responsibility, because they will be helping to raise the animals. It gives families food for their tables, since chickens can provide nourishment. And most importantly, it offers a way for children to continue their education, which opens doors to many new opportunities. By learning skills like raising animals, children in Serenje will also have the ability to take care of themselves when they grow up, even if jobs are hard to find.



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As members of the Missionary Childhood Association, we can be part of this project too, even though we live far away. MCA reminds us that children can be missionaries right where they are. We are called to pray every day for children in need—like our friends in Serenje. Prayer connects us across the world and helps us remember that we are one family in Christ.

We can also help by making small sacrifices. This might mean giving up a treat, setting aside part of an allowance, or choosing to share instead of keeping something for ourselves. These small sacrifices, offered with love, can make a very big difference when added together with the sacrifices of other children. Just as the chickens in Serenje will grow from tiny chicks into strong hens, our little acts of love can grow into something that changes lives.

This project will benefit 375 children in Serenje. With the help of MCA and the prayers and sacrifices of children around the world, these boys and girls will have the chance to go to school, to grow in their faith, and to look toward the future with hope.

When we think about Serenje, we remember the motto of the Missionary Childhood Association: “Children helping children, with prayer and sacrifice.” By joining our hearts, our prayers, and our little acts of love with theirs, we are living out our missionary call and helping to bring the light of Christ to the world.

### Reflection and Activity:

- Do you know anything about chicken farms? This is a perfect time to learn more about all the work it takes to maintain a poultry house!
- Think about the children in Serenje who want to go to school but need help with tuition, uniforms, and supplies. Imagine what it would be like if you were in their shoes. How would you feel? How could your prayers, small sacrifices, or acts of kindness help children around the world?

### Pray and Sacrifice:

Loving God, we thank You for our friends in Serenje and for all the children of the world.

Bless them with hope, courage, and the chance to learn and grow. Help us to share our prayers and sacrifices with love, so that together we may bring Your light to every corner of the earth. Amen.

- **\$1 can help buy feed for the chickens so they grow strong.**
- **\$10 can help provide notebooks and pencils for a child to use in school.**
- **\$25 can help buy a school uniform and shoes for a child so they can attend classes with pride.**



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